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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DEA TEAM VISIT

REF: STATE 235820

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF DEA AGENT TO INVESTIGATE TRANSSHIPMENT PROBLEM. ON BASIS OF HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AND CONTACTS WE HAVE HELPED HIM MAKE, WE BELIEVE S.A. AMADEO MEDINA FROM MEXICO CITY OFFICE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELL SUITED FOR THIS TASK.

2. RE GENERAL NARCOTICS SITUATION, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO PRODUCTION OF AND VERY LITTLE USE OF HARD DRUGS IN GUATEMALA. ONLY LOCAL PROBLEM PERCEIVED BY GOG IS THAT OF MARIJUANA. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE STATED REPEATEDLY OVER THE LAST YEAR, WE BELIEVE GUATEMALA'S ROLE AS A TRANSSHIPMENT POINT FOR U.S. BOUND HARD NARCOTICS SHIPMENTS IS INCREASING. OUR INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY HERE SHOULD ENABLE US TO KNOW EARLY ON IF HARD DRUGS WERE TO BE PRODUCED IN GUATEMALA, BUT WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH OUR PRESENT ABILITY TO MONITOR TRANSSHIPMENT SITUATION. THUS, AS NOTED ABOVE WE WELCOME VISIT OF DEA AGENT WITH WHOM WE WILL DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING OUR MONITORING CAPABILITY.
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